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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9221

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TAGS: APER, FI

SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMBASSY

REF: STATE 237282

1. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND FUNERAL PER REFTEL, I AM DEPARTING HELSINKI FOR THE UNITED STATES AT 1225 HOURS LOCAL OCTOBER 6, ETA KANSAS CITY 0200 HOURS LOCAL OCTOBER 7. WITHIN THE EMBASSY I HAVE ENTRUSTED RESPONSIBILITY TO THE SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER PRESENT, COUNSELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION MARVIN BRENNER. ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR HUGHES AND POLITICAL COUNSELLOR CLEMENT HAVE NO PLANS TO BE ABSENT FROM HELSINKI PRIOR MY RETURN EXPECTED TO WITHIN A WEEK. PAO VOTH, WHO COMES ABOVE BRENNER ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, HAS BEEN AT POST ONLY ONE MONTH AND FURTHERMORE IS DEPARTING FINLAND ON LEAVE ABOUT OCTOBER 11.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CONTACT AMBASSADOR AUSTAD IN WASHINGTON TEL. 234-4900 MORNING OCTOBER 6 TO OBTAIN (A) HIS APPROVAL TO INFORM MFA THAT BRENNER WILL BE IN CHARGE OF EMBASSY DURING MY ABSENCE, AND (B) AUTHORITY SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY MR. BRENNER TO MFA: "DUE TO A DEATH IN FAMILY, COUNSELLOR ROBERT B. HOUSTON DEPARTED FINLAND UNEXPECTEDLY OCTOBER 6 FOR A SHORT PERIOD. BY TELEGRAM DATED OCTOBER 6, AMBASSADOR MARK EVANS AUSTAD HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO ASSUME DIRECTION OF THIS EMBASSY PENDING MR. HOUSRON'S RETURN, EXPECTED WITHIN A WEEK.

3. ADVISE.

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